as notifiied in October, 1991 was approved by the Cabinet.

(b) Consultations were held with the State Governments/State Electricity Boards before finalising the policy;

(c) It is difficult to make any quantitative comparision between our private power policy and that of China. However, the response to our private power policy has been overwhelming which indicates that the policy has been found attractive by the investors.

Accepting Guarantee Money from Producers

2024. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEV
SHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan is accepting minimum money guarantee amount from producers on DD-2 Metro Channel, if so, what are the names of serials with guarantee money being charged from producers during the last one year; and

(b) whether it is a fact that serial 'Junoon' was giving maximum money guarantee to Doordarshan, if so; what are the reasons for removing/shifting this serial against other serials giving less/ minimum money guarantee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir, The details are as follows:—

(i) Superhit Muqabla — Rs 40 lakhs per episode.

(ii) Junoon (Till May, 1995)—Rs. 23 lakhs (episode shown on Thursday).

(b) No, Sir. Among non-film programmes, Junoon was the only serial on minimum guarantee. It was shifted to DD I as a part of restructuring of the fixed point chart w.e.f. 2.6.1995 with a view to provide a new programme mix menu to viewers.

Tourist Spots in Assam Selected by Committee on Pilgrim Tourism

2025. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of places in Assam selected by the Committee on Pilgrim Tourism for development as important tourists spots; and

(b) the amount sanctioned for the purpose during the last three years togetherwith the amount utilised so far year-wise and spot wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Kamakhya in Assam has been identified by the Committee on Pilgrim Tourism for development.

(b) The Department of Tourism has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 27.00 lakhs for building pilgrim cottages at Kamakhya during 1992-93, out of which an amount of Rs. 14.00 lakhs has been released.

Rehabilitation Plan for Durgapur Thermal Power Station of DVC

2026. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the rehabilitation plan for the two fire damaged 2×75 MW units of Durgapur Thermal Power Station of DVC;

(b) whether CEA has accorded techno-economic clearance, if so, when;

(c) the estimated cost of the project in terms of crore/MW;

(d) the completion period of the rehabilitation package;

(e) by when the PIB clearance from Government of India is likely to be obtained; and

(f) by when the project is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) There is a plan to rehabilitate the two fire damaged 2×75 MW units of Durgapur Thermal Power Station of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC).

(b) and (c) The Central Electricity Authority had accorded techno-economic clearance to the aforesaid scheme on 9.1.1995 with estimated cost of Rs. 2.61 crores/MW, including interest during costruction; based on September '93 price level.

(d) to (f) The proposed completion period for the rehabilitation of the units is 34 months for the first unit and 40 months for the second unit from the date of placement of orders. The scheme can be submitted to PIB only after DVC has obtained environmental clearance and has also finalised the sources of funding.

Machinery for distribution of hank yarn to handloom producers

2027. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the existing arrangements for hank yarn distribution to handloom producers in the different parts of the country;

(b) the nature of machinery for ensuring that these arrangements are enforced; and

(c) the number of representations received from various States complaining about the breakdown of these arrangements during 1994-95 and the first quarter of 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) Hank yarn supplies to handloom weavers is dependent on the organised mill sector and most of the yarn trade is in private hands. However, in order to ensure adequate availability of hank yarn to handloom weavers, the Government of India is enforcing the Hank Yarn Obligation Order on all mills to pack at lest 50% of their yarn Obligation Order on all mills to pack at least 50% of their yarn packed for civil consumption in the form of hank with further stipulation that 80% of such yarn should be in counts 40s and below. Besides, the National Handloom Development Corporation has been set up primarily to augment supply of hank yarn to the handloom sector. In addition the Government of India has also been implementing the Mill Gate Price Scheme through Natonal Handloom Development Corporation and the Hank Yarn price subsidy scheme through the State Governments.

(c) No representations have been received from States complaining about the breakdown of these arrangements during 1994-95 and the first quarter of 1995-96.

Coal Based Power Plants

2028. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up some coal based power plants in the country during 8th Plan;

(b) if so, the names of the States togetherwith the location where these coal based power plants are being set up; and

(c) the capacity of these plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) State-wise details in respect of coal-based thermal power plants set up